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In re application of:

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BICYCLE TRANSMISSION ASSIST MECHANISM

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(37 CFR 1.136(a))

Commissioner:

The applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2003. An appropriate response in the form of a request for continued examination and an amendment is enclosed herewith.

A check to cover the fee of \$110 is enclosed.

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